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GILA INDIAN NATION WOMAN SENTENCED TO 33 MONTHS PRISON FOR ASSAULT RESULTING IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY

TUCSON, Ariz.— Danette Ann Jose, 42, of the Gila Indian Nation, Phoenix, Ariz. was sentenced on August 18, 2006, by U.S. District Judge David C. Bury to 33 months in prison to be followed by supervised release. Jose pled guilty on February 3, 2006, to Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury.

On September 22, 2004, Jose was driving on State Route Highway 86 on the Tohono O'odham Nation near Sells, Arizona, while intoxicated and struck an individual who was riding his motorcycle. Jose fled the scene following the collision. The victim, a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation, sustained a severely fractured right lower leg due to the collision. The victim died from other medical causes on January 9, 2005, following the injuries sustained in the collision.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department. The prosecution was handled by David P. Flannigan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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